

Hog Tails

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The first Tuesday of each month
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Membership is \$10 annually.

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petersenmotorcycles.com/HOG

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Randy Bingner, Chapter Director **Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month**

May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. Each year motorcycle organizations across the country conduct a variety of activities to promote the importance of sharing the road with motorcyclists.

Awareness is a critical factor in the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's comprehensive motorcycle safety program. According to the NHTSA, more than two-thirds of fatal motorcycle crashes involve a motorcycle and another vehicle. The motorist either does not see the oncoming motorcycle at all or does not see the motorcycle in time to avoid a collision.

As motorcyclists, we can each do our part to educate and raise the awareness of our non-riding friends and family. Here are some suggestions to become more aware of motorcyclists.

Respect. The motorcycle is a vehicle with all of the rights and privileges of any vehicle on the road. Give the motorcyclist a full lane of travel.

Look. Look for the motorcycles on the highway, at intersections, when a motorcyclist may be making a left turn, and when a motorcyclist may be changing lanes. Signal your own intention.

Anticipate. A motorcycle is much more maneuverable and quicker to stop and accelerate than a car or truck. Obstructions, road debris, potholes, or standing water that a car driver may ignore or not notice can be deadly for a motorcyclist. Anticipate evasive actions.

Space. Maintain space to allow a motorcycle to stop quickly or take evasive action.

Do you recognize these recommendations? You should. I am sure that most of you, as motorcycle riders, already live and ride this way. As a motorcycle rider, you can help your friends and family think more like motorcycle riders. We will all be more safe if you do.

H.O.G ABCs of Touring

The 2006 winners of the ABCs of Touring contest were listed in the May/June 2007 issue of *Hogtails*. Andy and Lisa Jackson of CSD HOG were listed among the runners-up. Congratulations Andy and Lisa. To accumulate the touring points necessary to be listed in *Hogtails* takes planning and riding. We appreciate your accomplishment.

***Stop in at Petersen Motors and pick up your
2007 Central South Dakota HOG calendar:***

May 15	Dinner ride to McClelland's (via Onida) 6:00 p.m. at Petersen Motors
May 25-27	7 th Annual Memorial Day Ride
June 2-3	CSD HOG Poker Run and Campout
June 5	Monthly Meeting 6:30 p.m. at Petersen Motors
June 8-9	SD State HOG Rally Rapid City

Activities director, Kevin Flottmeyer, sent this picture (from a couple of years ago) and this story on how he got started riding motorcycles.

Most of us are used to seeing Kevin with wife Susan on the back of his motorcycle and daughter Janelle riding along side. I haven't seen these guys on the rides I've been on.

Thanks for sharing this, Kevin.



I've been riding motorcycles since I was a kid growing up on the farm. I learned to ride on a dirt bike that my Dad bought to round the cows up with. Dad always said it was a lot cheaper to put gas in the motorcycle than to feed horses. I even rode the dirt bike on the back roads to Susan's house to visit.

I purchased my first street bike, a 1974 750 Honda, in the summer of 1977. I traded up to a brand new 1978 650 Yamaha Special in 1978 after graduating from trade school. I thought I was in seventh heaven with that bike. I kept it for 2 years and went to a 750 Yamaha Special, and finally to a Honda Goldwing. I thought that was the Cadillac of all motorcycles. Little did I know what was in store for my next bike. By the time 1981 came along the family had grown to 4 kids and we needed a different car so the motorcycle had to go.

In 2003 the kids were all gone so it was time for a motorcycle again. I decided it was time to purchase an American Made bike which was a 2002 Harley-Davidson Low Rider. I rode it for a year and traded for a 2001 Heritage Softail Classic. I really loved that bike but needed to have a little more riding comfort so moved on up to an Ultra-Classic in 2006. Susan & I enjoy riding and love the short and long rides. Our little Yorkshire Terrier, Jasmine, loves to go on the shorter rides in her pet carrier that goes on the luggage rack. We have attended both the State and National HOG Rallies and plan on doing several rides again this year.

Come Join Us

Harley Factory Tour Ride

June 29th – July 4th

This Ride is a closed event sponsored by the Central South Dakota HOG Club.

We leave Pierre on June 29th, meeting at Petersen Motors at 6:00 p.m. and riding to Watertown SD (188 miles). Saturday morning you can visit the Harley Dealer in Watertown and then ride to St. Paul, MN and stop at St. Paul Harley-Davidson. Now we go south to Winona, MN following the Mississippi River (325 miles). We will stay in Winona, MN on June 30th. On July 1st, we will ride to Lacrosse and then south following the Mississippi River to just south of Prairie du Chein, WI. Then we turn east to Sauk City, WI to visit the Harley shop there, which also has a Harley-Davidson outlet store. We will then ride into Madison, WI, and finally into Milwaukee, WI (299 miles). July 2nd we will be at the Harley-Davidson factory at 8:00 a.m. to take a tour of the factory. After the tour, you can visit any other attractions that you want. We will ride north of Milwaukee, then east to Wisconsin Dells for the night. We will only put on 114 miles, so you can take in the sites in the Milwaukee area. On July 3rd, we ride from Wisconsin Dells to Lacrosse, WI, and then a scenic ride going east of Lacrosse to Rochester, MN and on to Mankota, MN for the night (282 miles). July 4th ride on into Pierre, SD in time to watch the fireworks that evening (340 miles).

This ride will drive along some breathtaking scenery along the Mississippi River and give everyone a chance to stop at over 20 Harley dealerships.

A detailed map is posted at Petersen Motors. Directions, mileage, and a list of all Harley dealers along the way will be given out to all riders when they sign the release form.

Early Registration Deadline: June 3, 2007. We need to know how many riders will be going so we can give the Factory Tour a head count as to how many will be coming.

There will be no entry fee for this ride. We will have you sign a release form to participate in the ride. We have motel rooms blocked at each of the towns where we are staying. They are as follows:

June 29th – Super 8 Motel – 503 14th Ave SE – Watertown SD 57201 605-882-1900 Rates \$59.39 + tax

June 30th – Nichols Inn – 1025 Sugar Loaf Rd – Winona MN 55987 866-642-4667 Rates \$76.90 + tax

July 1st – Super 8 Motel – 5253 S Howell Ave – I-94 Exit 318 (Howell Ave) – Milwaukee WI 53207
414-481-8488 Rates \$59.50 + tax

July 2nd – Copa Cabana Hotel – 611 Wisconsin Dells Parkway – Wisconsin Dells, WI 800-2643-2672
Rates \$85.00 + tax. If all rooms are taken, rate will t \$75.00 + tax

July 3rd – Days Inn – Hwy 169 & 14, 1285 Range St – Mankato MN 56001 – 507-387-3332
Rates \$60.00 + tax

For more information call or email:

Kevin Flottmeyer – liv2ryd@pie.midco.net – 605-224-4809

Troy Roberts – mrtr1010@pie.midco.net – 605-223-2653

Check out the map at Petersen Motors. This is going to be a great ride!

First Annual 4th of July Ride
Harley Factory Tour Ride
Evening of June 29th – July 4th, 2007

Rider:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

National HOG#: _____ Expires: _____ Chapter: _____

Passenger:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

National HOG#: _____ Expires: _____ Chapter: _____

Motel rooms will be blocked for the 5 nights until 30 days before ride. Motels listed on previous page. You will need to find your own motel rooms after June 3rd.

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Send Registration to:

Central SD HOG
422 South Fort St
Pierre SD 57501

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM AND RELEASE

CHAPTER NAME: CENTRAL SOUTH DAKOTA HARLEY OWNERS GROUP

Print and Mail

MEMBER NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ MEMBER NAT'L H.O.G. NUMBER: _____

EXPIRATION DATE OF NATIONAL H.O.G. MEMBERSHIP: _____

I have read the Annual Charter for H.O.G. Chapters and hereby agree to abide by it as a member of this dealer sponsored chapter.

I recognize that while this Chapter is chartered with H.O.G., it remains a separate, independent entity solely responsible for its actions.

THIS IS A RELEASE, READ BEFORE SIGNING

I agree that the Sponsoring Dealer, Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.), Harley-Davidson, Inc., Harley-Davidson Motor Company, my Chapter and their respective officers, directors, employees and agents (hereinafter, the "RELEASED PARTIES") shall not be liable or responsible for injury to me (including paralysis or death) or damage to my property occurring during any H.O.G. or H.O.G. chapter activities and resulting from acts or omissions occurring during the performance of the duties of the Released Parties, even where the damage or injury is caused by negligence (except willful neglect). I understand and agree that all H.O.G. members and their guests participate voluntarily and at their own risk in all H.O.G. activities and I assume all risks of injury and damage arising out of the conduct of such activities. I release and hold the "RELEASED PARTIES" harmless from any injury or loss to my person or property which may result from my participation in H.O.G. activities and EVENT(S). I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS MEANS THAT I AGREE NOT TO SUE THE "RELEASED PARTIES" FOR ANY INJURY OR RESULTING DAMAGE TO MYSELF OR MY PROPERTY ARISING FROM, OR IN CONNECTION WITH, THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR CHAPTER DUTIES IN SPONSORING, PLANNING OR CONDUCTING SAID EVENT(S).

WAIVER OF RIGHTS UNDER STATE STATUTES

I further agree to waive all benefits flowing from any state statute which would negate or limit the scope of this Release and Indemnification Agreement including, but not limited to, Section 1542 of the California Civil Code which provides:

"A general release does not extend to the claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known to him must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor"

By signing this Release, I certify that I have read this Release and fully understand it and that I am not relying on any statements or representations made by the "RELEASED PARTIES".

MEMBER SIGNATURE: _____

WITNESS: _____ DATE: _____

LOCAL DUES PAID: \$10.00 DATE: _____

(Dues not to exceed maximum amount prescribed in, "Annual Charter for H.O.G. Chapters", as contained in the H.O.G. Chapter Handbook.)

**RETURN THIS FORM TO
Central South Dakota Harley Owners Group 422 S. Fort St., Pierre, SD 57501**

Club website at www.petersenmotorcycles.com/HOG

Thoughts from the back of the pack. Randy Bingner

My Aunt Laura, “Lou” to most people who knew her, died April 21, 2007. She would have been 89 years old today, May 1, as I write this. Her obituary included the following simple sentence: “She liked to ride motorcycles.” I had to reread that sentence a couple times.

My Aunt Laura may be one of the main reasons I like to ride motorcycles. She certainly plays a large part in my earliest motorcycle memories. I still remember being hoisted from her back porch to the seat of a 3-wheeled Cushman and being pointed out toward the highway. There I was on that machine. It felt huge and powerful as it roared to life.

My motorcycles have grown in size and power; but none have ever matched the excitement and fear of that first ride. I had never ridden anything before that I didn’t need to pedal. I flew down the road. It was magic. It was life-changing.

Aunt Laura was a life member of the American Motorcyclists Association. She was a life member of the Motor Maids, the oldest and largest association of women riders in this country. She liked to ride motorcycles.

I know many of you like to tour. I am one of you. We like the big miles. We like the adventure of the open road. We like the challenge and the freedom of just getting on and going. We love the feeling of self-sufficiency we get when we travel with just what we can carry on a motorcycle. We spread out the maps and plan. We end each trip proud of the miles and satisfied with our accomplishments and our memories.

I want to put our big miles and touring adventures in another perspective. When I was a kid, my Aunt Laura packed up a 1960-something 250cc single cylinder Harley-Davidson Sprint and rode it from Sioux Falls to Northern Michigan and back. Imagine yourself on this ride: A woman, in the mid-1960s, traveling on a 250cc motorcycle by herself. She did her own Great Lakes Tour. She liked to ride motorcycles.

My Aunt Laura rode them all, from the Sprints to the Sportsters to the Electra Glides. What I remember as her last motorcycle was a 1974 Electra Glide dresser. She put a side car on it. She would ride from Sioux Falls to Lennox to pick up my grandmother, then in her mid-80s, and off they would go.

I doubt Aunt Laura ever said it in these words, but I can imagine her plan for life:

Life has only so much to offer.
You go around only one time.
I am not going to be a spectator.

As I sit here today, I can’t help but think about those I have lost over the past few months. I look around and see I am gradually becoming the “older generation.” I am gradually being left with only the memories of people I have known. I would like to leave some good memories. I would like to make that contribution to someone else’s life. Maybe one day, when I reach the end of my last road, you will say, “He liked to ride motorcycles.”

Then just do one more thing for me. Give me that low wave and wrap it up a couple times as you ride by.